

# Ordinance 2015-05

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
COUNTY OF MERCER  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED  
“ADMINISTRATION,” SECTION 26, ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL COURT”, SUB-SECTION 6,  
ENTITLED “PUBLIC DEFENDER; APPLICATION FEE” TO THE “REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.”**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Court Administrator has determined that amendments are needed to Chapter 2, Section 26, Sub-Section 6 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, entitled “Administration,” Section 24, entitled “Municipal Court,” Sub-Section 6, entitled “Public Defender; Application fee” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, is hereby amended to read (deletions are shown as ~~cross-outs~~ and additions are shown with underline):

**Subsection 2-24.6 Public Defender; Application Fee.**

A person applying for representation by the Borough Public Defender shall pay an application fee ~~of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars~~ which is equivalent to the maximum amount allowable under N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1, et seq. The Municipal Court may waive the fee, in whole or in part, if the Court determines, in its discretion, that the application fee represents an unreasonable burden on the person seeking representation. The Municipal Court may permit a person to pay the application fee over a specific period of time, not to exceed four (4) months.

Section 2. Severability. If any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or if by legislative action any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall lose its force and effect, such judgment or action shall not affect, impair or void the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 4. Repealer. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced: April 6, 2015

Adopted:

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Debra L. Sopronyi  
Municipal Clerk

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Lawrence D. Quattrone  
Mayor